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Emergencies for the Heart

JEFFERSON CITY- More than 100 health care officials from across the state want to speed up emergency response times.

One group is recommending a statewide standard emergency response system. The health care providers especially want to focus on responses for strokes and certain types of heart attacks.

The faster the recognition and response, the better chance there is of a full recovery. "We're looking at making those recommendations that will help the public become part of the health care system as well," said Andrew Spain of the University of Missouri Health Care. "Improve their role in it so the early recognition occurs and you start that process earlier on." Heart attacks and strokes are 2 of the top 3 killers in the state. Officials are hoping other states will follow suit and come up with a standardized response.